



Public Information Meeting

May 28, 2025 | Fairfield Fire Department

May 29, 2025 | Belfield Memorial Hall



What is the project?

The projects consist of widening US 85 from two lanes to four lanes. The roadway will be widened on either the east or west side of the existing highway. Refer to the maps which show which direction the widening will occur.

What are the goals of the Public Information Meeting?

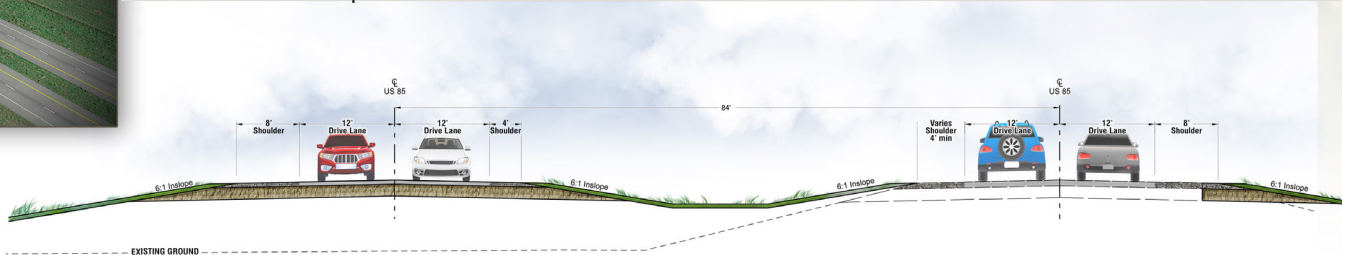
The goals of this meeting are to provide an update on the overall US 85 project; discuss the proposed improvements currently being designed from I-94 to ND 200; explain the right-of-way acquisition process; and review the project schedule and next steps.

What will the highway look like?

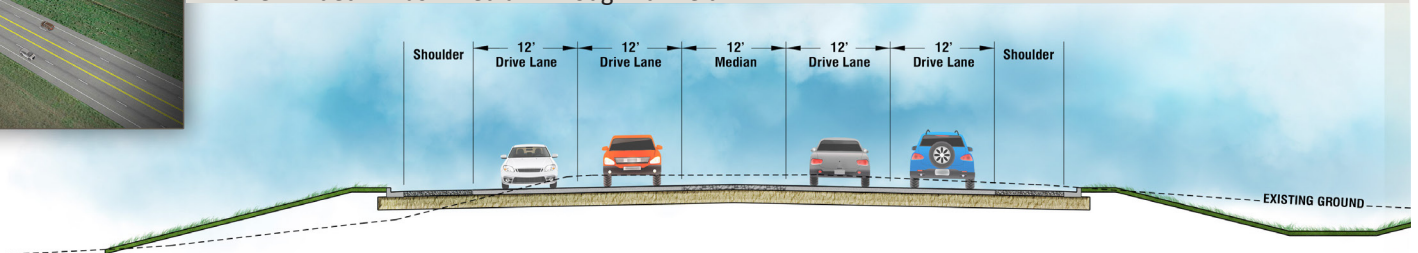
The typical section will consist of two lanes of traffic northbound and two lanes of traffic southbound separated by a depressed median.



4-Lane Divided – Depressed Median



4-Lane Divided – Flush Median Through Fairfield



Will you need to acquire right of way? What is the process for acquisition?

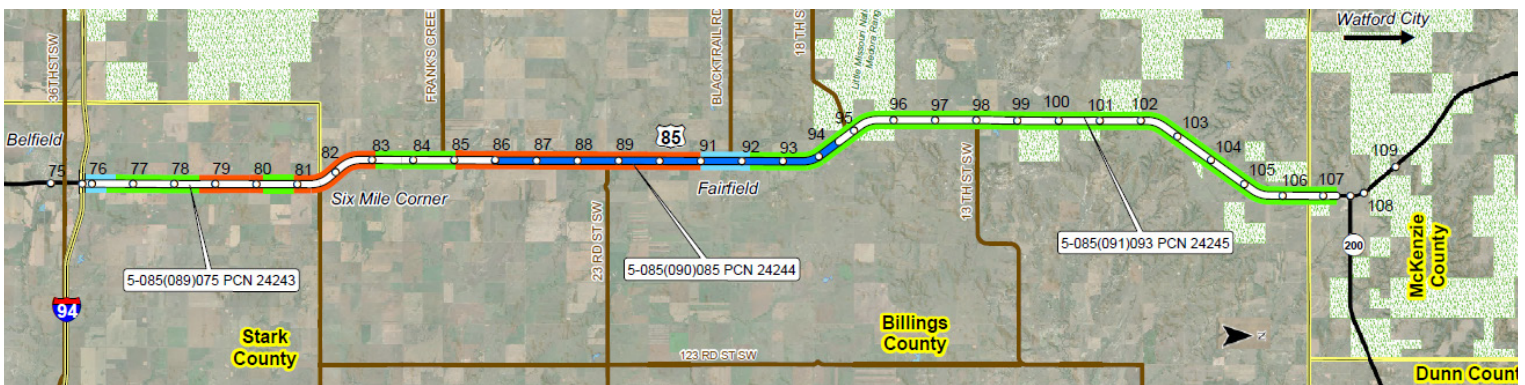
Yes, right of way will be required throughout the corridor. The property's value will be determined by an independent appraiser, who will inspect the property, review the acquisition details, analyze comparable sales, and establish the acquisition's value.

Once the acquisition amount is calculated, the offer is submitted to the property owner in writing. An acquisition agent representing the NDDOT will help answer questions and assist with negotiations. Full details of the process can be found at the [QR code](#).



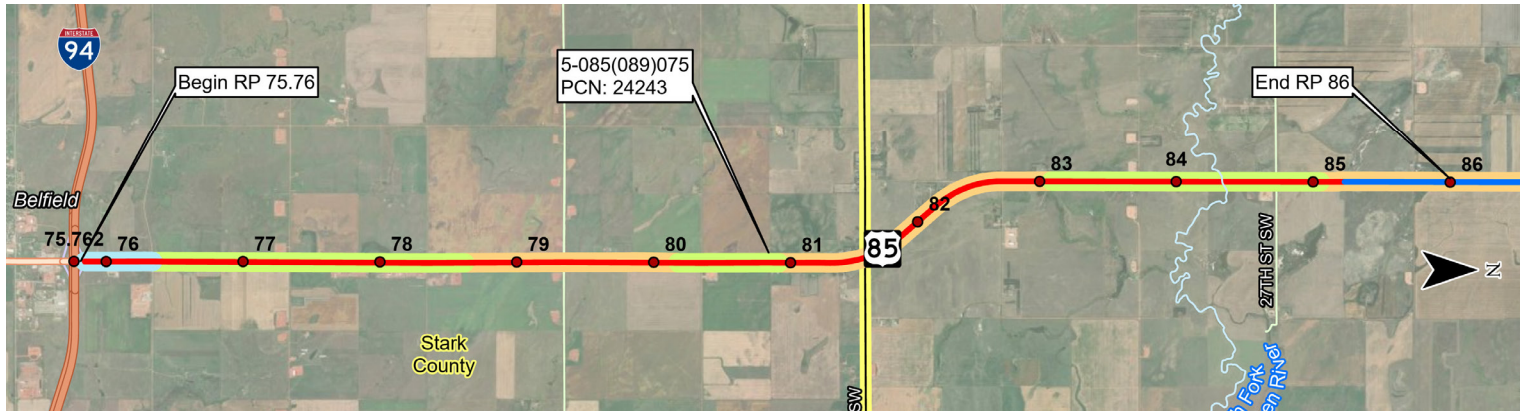
When will construction start?

PCNs 24243 and 24245 are tentatively scheduled for construction in 2028-2029, with right of way acquisition beginning in late 2026. PCN 24244 is tentatively scheduled for construction in 2029-2030, with right of way acquisition beginning in 2027.



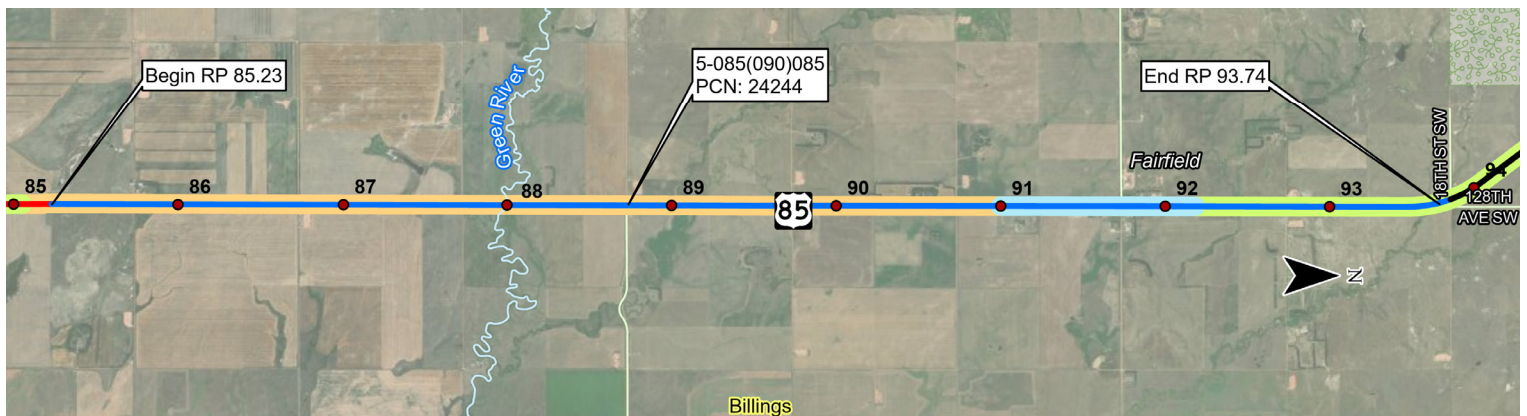
PROJECT 1

Junction of I-94 north 10 miles, NDDOT Project No. 5-085(089)075; PCN 24243



PROJECT 2

10 Miles north of the junction of I-94 to near the Gorham junction, NDDOT Project No. 5-085(090)085; PCN 24244



PROJECT 3

Near the Gorham junction to the junction of ND 200, NDDOT Project No. 5-085(091)093; PCN 24245



Project Website



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